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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]
(By Red Sea Cable.)

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

LONDON, MARCH 2, 7 p.m.

It is reported that Her Majesty the Queen has been shot at in the Windsor railway station, but is uninjured.

LATER, 8-10 p. m.

The report that Her Majesty the Queen has been shot at is confirmed. The shot was fired straight into the carriage which Her Majesty was entering in the railway station to drive to Windsor Castle.

The assassin, who is a miserable looking object, is named Roderick Maclean. He was at once arrested.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

LONDON, MARCH 3, 1-5 A. M.

Maclean, the would-be assassin, is a Londoner, and a tailor by occupation, but without employment. He is supposed to be insane. The by-standers prevented him firing a second shot, and seized his revolver. The police had great difficulty in preventing his being lynched.

Her Majesty, who was quite unmoved throughout, attended the usual dinner party at the Castle last night.

RE-ELECTION OF MR. BRADLAUGH.

LONDON, MARCH 2.

Mr. Bradlaugh has been re-elected member of Parliament for Northampton.

The following is the result of the polling at Northampton :—

Bradlaugh.....3,798 votes.
Corbet .....3,687 "

Majority ... 111

THE RUSSIANS IN CENTRAL ASIA.

LONDON, MARCH 3.

Sir Charles Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons last evening, said that the whole question of the Russian advance in Asia was now the subject of discussion between the British and Russian Governments.

S. S. PRINCIPIA.

ISMAILIA, MARCH 2.

The s. s. Principia, which sailed from Bombay to Hull on the 7th ultimo, has sunk off Port Said.

THE TRANSPORT MALABAR.

PORTSMOUTH, MARCH 2.

H. M. S. Malabar left for Bombay to-day.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LISBON, MARCH 2.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer India, outward bound for Calcutta, Madras, and Colombo, left here this evening.

PORT SAID, MARCH 2.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Agra, homeward bound from the Persian Gulf and Kurrachee, left here this afternoon.

LONDON, MARCH 2.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed steady. Surats freely offered.

The London Cotton market has been steady.

Fair Dhollera.....4 5-16

The Manchester Market has been quiet, but steady.

7 lbs. Shirtings.....5-9

8½ lbs. Do. 7

40 Mule Twists 6-9½

3½ per cent. Sterling Loan 100½

4 per cent. Rupee paper.....84½

4½ per cent. Do. 99½

6 per cent. Consols for account.....100½

5 per cent. French Rentes.....114½

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The Bank of England returns for the week ending Saturday show the following results :—

Reserve of Notes .....£11,550,000, Inc. £200,000

Bills discounted .....£25,900,000, Inc. £1,200,000

Bullion .....£21,800,000, Inc. £600,000

The proportion of the Reserve to the Liabilities is 40 per cent.

Arrivals—Peshawur and Orsino.

Departure—Ma thew and Beddington.

GAZETTE NOTIFICATIONS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 4, 0-30 A. M.

The Viceroy leaves on the 7th March for Simla, where he arrives about the 21st. During the absence of his Excellency and Council the following arrangements for the business of the Military Department have been made :—

Colonel Lees' officiates as Secretary to Government, Colonel Collen officiates as Secretary.

Brigade Surgeon W. E. Cotes to be Examiner of Medical Fund Accounts, Bombay, *vice* Surgeon Major Turnbull, whose tenure of office has expired.

ON Thursday evening the officers of the Marine Battalion gave a very successful ball at their quarters in the Marine-lines. A spacious shamiana was erected in the compound, in which dancing was kept up by a very numerous company, in perfect coolness and comfort, until the early morning. The decorations were very pretty and effective; the *ensemble* was most picturesque.

SIR THOMAS THOMPSON, DIXON, BAYLY, AND BULLEEY, the contractors for the Goa Railway, have, as we stated would probably be the case, obtained the contract for the extension of that railway to Dharwar and Hubli.

THE May vacation of the High Court this year will be from the 8th May to 10th June, both days inclusive.

TRAM cars have begun to run since the 1st inst. over the new extension of the tramway line from the Crawford-market to the foot of the Carnac overbridge. The further end of the extension from the Framjee Cowasjee Institute to the Crawford-market will be ready for use next week.

GENERAL SHUMSHEER JUNG BAHADUR, Commander-in-Chief of the Nepalese Army, has arrived in Calcutta, and paid his respects to the Viceroy. Affairs in Khatmandu are reported to be again in a normal state.

COLONEL R. MURRAY, Director-General of Telegraphs in India, has returned to Calcutta from his tour of inspection in Assam, which extended as far as Dibrugurh.

MAJOR W. V. ELLIS, Wing Commander 25th Punjab Infantry, has been appointed Brigade Major at Lucknow.

THE Begum of Bhopal passed through Allahabad on Tuesday on her way to Calcutta.

FIRES have been events of very frequent occurrence in Calcutta of late. There have been several houses burned, and now a fire has occurred at Government House. It was only in the wine-cellar, however, fortunately, and as it was discovered early, no damage was done beyond the destruction of a few cases of wine.

A CALCUTTA [illegible] Baboo Gopal Chandra Mukhopadhya [illegible] "Victoria Rajasya," or the Jubilee [illegible] Assembly at Delhi, publishing a "Bengali" versi[illegible] "Life Story of the Royal [illegible] smart," and intends to present a copy to Government schools for prizes to the Viceroy has been [illegible] dedication of the work.

THE suggestion [illegible] Vernacular Press Act, Lord Ripon has [illegible] and an address of gratitude [illegible] excellency was presented [illegible] address was printed [illegible] silver casket of the memorialists say the Press Act [illegible] Ripon has the [illegible] country rejoices at restoring as it did taught to believe [illegible]

THE *Madras Mail* says :—The wh[illegible] an unfortunate [illegible] gone a sentence [illegible] been found guilty [illegible] themselves under [illegible] many men as [illegible] overheard the [illegible] the court of Ju[illegible] accused of an [illegible] belongs to the [illegible] judge have ju[illegible] the death of a [illegible] European, to [illegible] ment, it should [illegible] years in the [illegible] of the past, [illegible] single hurt.

THE *Rangoon Gazette* says that Li[illegible] has a profitable [illegible] shows 26,0[illegible] the Strait [illegible] that the [illegible] they [illegible] there is no [illegible] fer in time [illegible] Indian tea [illegible] criptions. If [illegible] arket in Bur[illegible] it in small [illegible] may find [illegible] classes; and there need be little fear if this was done that the Indian tea would not hold its own amongst a people who appreciate quality, and who willingly pay two or three annas a quart more for Bass' beer than they do for inferior or less known brands.

MR. C. P. ILBERT owes his appointment as Law Member, the *Pioneer* learns, chiefly to the recommendation of Sir Henry Thring, the well-known conveyancer. Some time ago, when the subject was under discussion, it was suggested by some eminent authorities at home that the Government of India should confine itself to stating to English counsel the substance of any legislation it thought desirable, and that draft bills in accordance with such instructions should be prepared in England, and be sent out to this country to be passed. Not unnaturally, the Government of India objected to this proposal, and eventually, after Professor Bryce had refused the appointment, Sir Henry Thring was asked to nominate one of his most promising pupils. Thus the lot has fallen on Mr. Ilbert. Mr. Ilbert may turn out to be much more than a mere conveyancer; and, indeed, it is earnestly to be hoped for the sake of India that he will bring to the administration, gifts far other than mere technical skill in one of the most technical branches of English law. . . . . The evil of having a mere conveyancer in such an appointment is simply enormous; and if the Government could not find a man qualified, not merely to pass through his term of office without discredit, but whose presence as a member of the Supreme Government was clearly likely to be a benefit to the country, then they would have been well advised to have left the post vacant and to have appointed a properly qualified Public Works member instead.

THE new Bishop of Rangoon, the Rev. J. M. Strachan, M.D., is well known in Madras as a zealous and successful missionary of that diocese. The *Madras Mail* gives the following sketch of his career :—"He came out to India as a young man some twenty years ago, and was entertained on the staff of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. His first labours were in Tinnevelly, where he soon distinguished himself by his zeal and capacity. When the project of opening out a well-organised medical mission was first seriously entertained by the society, Mr. Strachan was selected specially for the work. He was sent home; and for some years studied medicine at Edinburgh. His career as a medical student was an honourable one, and on taking his degree of M. D., he secured the gold medal of his year. On his return to India, he started the medical mission at Nazareth in Tinnevelly; and great success attended the enterprise. In 1874 he was brought up to Madras to act as Diocesan Secretary of the society, and this post he held till he took leave to England in 1880. He has always enjoyed a high reputation as a man of zeal and ability. As a missionary, he was well known for his great activity and his great success. As Secretary of the diocesan branch of the S. P. G. he was careful, business-like, and prompt. And as incumbent of St. Thomas' Church he enjoyed the good opinion and regard of his people. He is now on his return to India."

SAYS the *North China Herald* :—It is curious how, just at the present time, fresh evidence continues to crop up respecting the increased cultivation of opium in the interior of this country. From every direction accounts reach us of the spread of the "baneful though beautiful flowers," the contemplation of which causes such anguish of mind to his Excellency Li Hung-chang. If, as has been hinted, native opium is to be taxed as well as foreign, the Government will indeed receive an enormous addition to its revenue. The idea of deriving wealth from a cultivation which has been repeatedly denounced and declared illegal in numberless successive edicts, by a Government which piously refuses to batten on the vice and misery of its people, has something vastly original about it. One cannot but admire the fine disregard of consistency shown by this conversion of a criminal offence into a legalised and, to the Government, lucrative branch of industry.

THE *Army and Navy Gazette* says :—If Sir Garnet Wolseley puts a stopper on the mouth of the Channel tunnel, or brings it to nought anywhere in its course, we shall thank him heartily, and think he has done the country more good than he did in driving Koffee Kalkalli out of Coomassie, or in capturing Sekukuni.

H. R. H. THE FIELD-MARSHAL COMMANDING-IN-CHIEF has nominated his senior A.D.C., Colonel Bateson, to the vacancy on his personal establishment, caused by the death of General the Hon. J. Macdonald, and the duties of the office of Equerry to the Duke of Cambridge will henceforth be discharged by Colonel Bateson, in addition to those of A.D.C.

MRS. BROWNRIGG has received a letter from the Earl of Northbrook, conveying, by [illegible] command, the Queen's deep sympathy and condolence with her loss by the death of the late Captain Brownrigg, R.N.

MR. GLADSTONE stated in the House of Commons on February 10, in answer to Mr. Broadhurst, that Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the rank of Privy Councillor on Sir Hercules Robinson, and also to create Sir Evelyn Wood a G.C.M.G. and Sir H. de Villiers a K.C.M.G. In addition to these honours, the dignity of a G.C.M.G. has been accepted by President Brand, subject to the consent of the Volksraad.

ON Feb. 11 Vice-Chancellor Sir James Bacon the oldest judge on the English bench, attained his 84th year. The learned judge was appointed a Vice-Chancellor in June, 1870.

THE *Siberian Gazette* publishes an account of acts of cruelty and violence done by the Chinese to some Russian Kirghese. According to these reports, 600 Chinese soldiers made a raid upon the Kirghese, carried off eleven women, three girls, and six young children, and robbed, burnt, or otherwise destroyed all the Kirghese possessed.

A BILLIARD match between the French and American champions seems to have caused a great sensation in Paris, where the game was played. The *World* says :—There has been terrible excitement in Paris over the Slosson-Vignaux billiard match. Every night the Place de l'Opera was black with a crowd of people anxiously watching a transparency in a window on the third floor of the Grand Hotel. Behind the transparency was an electric light, and every five minutes the score of the two adversaries was posted up in big figures on the transparency. Thanks, perhaps, not a little to the influence of President Grévy, billiards are *à la mode*. Augier, Legouve, Meilhac, Pailleron, Dumas the younger, and a lot more theatrico-literary folks all have private tables, and are learned in the *série Française*, the *série Américaine*, *carambolage par la bande*, &c.

ON Friday, Feb. 3, Mr. J. Nicol Fleming was liberated from prison on a bail bond, but the sum lodged has not been made public. The charge against him is—"Having on various occasions during the years 1873, 1874, and 1875, within the head-office of the Glasgow Bank, Glasgow, falsified the books of the said bank by making, or causing to be made, false and fictitious entries therein, in order to conceal and misrepresent the true state of the affairs of the said bank from the shareholders, creditors, and others."

ACCORDING to the American papers, the Russian Government, after exhaustive trials, have adopted the Lay torpedo, and paid Mr. Lay his stipulated reward of £20,000.

AT the first meeting of the newly-appointed Commissioners for the city of London, Mr. Felton, the chairman for this year, said that "with regard to the electric lighting, he hoped that by the end of the year they would have extended it to all the principal thoroughfares in the east and west districts of the city."

A COMPANY has been formed in Hastings with a nominal capital of £50,000 (£10,000 of which will be called up), its object being to introduce the Brush system of electric lighting into that town. The company has obtained leave from Messrs. Hammond and Co., the concessionaires of the Brush system in Sussex, to work this system in Hastings.

"To dispel erroneous ideas respecting electric lighting," the secretary to the Eastern Electric Light and Power Co. has written as follows to a paper in Malta :—"I notice that an attempt is made to throw discredit upon electric lighting owing to the failure of the British Electric Light Co. to carry out their contract at Liverpool, and from the fact that the Corporation of Edinburgh and the Brush Co. could not come to terms. The system which is used by this company has proved an enormous success in all parts of the world, and I enclose a list of contracts they have carried out or have in hand, which shows the enormous number of over 2,600 lamps of 2,000 candle power within a period of really only a few months. The Edinburgh contract is a mere question of bargaining. The lighting was, I am told by a friend who saw it, simply beautiful in the Princes street and Gardens; but the Edinburgh Council want to have it cheaper than the Brush Co. care to let them have it, and therefore no contract is made for the present, but no one much doubts that one will be speedily made. As to the Liverpool failure, that was with the Gramme machine and Gonokie lamp, not with the Brush machine and lamp. A company has been formed to work some concessions of the Brush Co. for portions of England, and within 24 hours of the issue of the prospectus the capital was subscribed many times, and the directors were so overwhelmed with applications that they had abruptly to close the list."

THE island of Herm, says *Truth*, which was recently let on lease to the monks of La Trappe, has been abandoned by them, as they find that they cannot raise the plants for their Trapistine, the soil being unsuitable. The island has now been sold for £7,000 to the Grande Chartreuse monks, who are of opinion that it will produce an abundance of daffodils, which are the principal ingredient in their famous *liqueurs*. As one of the rules of this order enforces solitude, it is probable that the people of Guernsey will be deprived of one of their favourite resorts.

THE social relations of the Russian Imperial family are not all that could be wished. The Grand Duke Constantine has been asked to go abroad, and not come back. The hopeful son has been apparently rather tightly looked after since he was discovered to be "insane." According to a London Society paper, the letters of some of the most exalted persons in Russia are not free from examination while under the care of the Czar's officials. The Grand Duchess Vladimir discovered the other day that a letter which she had written to her family, and in which it is said that she complained of the dullness and insecurity of life at the Russian Court, had been opened before delivery to the post. The Grand Duchess, who is a lady of some energy, inquired into the affair, and found that the spy into her affairs was no other than her own personal aide-de-camp. Full of indignation, she complained to the Emperor, but, to her astonishment, met with no sympathy from His Majesty. The German Princess was, however, not to be appeased, and declared emphatically that, if the offender was not immediately dismissed, she would make a public scandal and quit the country. On her insistance, the aide-de-camp was relieved of his functions; but he is about to receive another and more lucrative appointment.

BOMBAY, 1750.*

GROSE'S ACCOUNT.

Now by the powers o' verse and prose!
Thou art a dainty chiel, O Grose!

Burns on Captain Grose.

IT may be as well at the outset to state that the hero of this article is not the Captain Grose of Burns. He has, however, some strong affinities to him. The lines

"He's ta'en the Antiquarian trade
I think they call it."

And

"A chiel's amang ye takin notes,
And, faith, he'll prent it,"

fairly apply to him in Bombay. Our Grose was a writer and covenanted servant of the East India Company, a close observer and a man of much intelligence; and we think we will be able to show that he has left on record the best account that exists of Bombay as it was in the middle of the last century.

WHEN GROSE LANDED

in Bombay, Poona had just become the capital of the Mahrattas. Our territorial acquisitions in Western India were no bigger than they were in 1665, when we took over the island from the Portuguese, unless indeed we add to this a few square miles of earth at Tellicherry. We were still on the tenterhooks of uncertainty, for our position was quite as precarious and critical as it was in the end of the seventeenth century, when Aurungzebe and Sivaji laid waste the Deccan and Konkan plains. Those twin giants, the Gog and Magog of our early Governors, had disappeared, and were now no longer a menace to us; but the existence of Bombay as an English settlement was still a matter of doubt in the future. For that dominant power which Sivaji had quickened into life was now in full swing at Poona, Sattara, and Raighur. The right arm of the Mahratta nation was as yet unbroken by the defeat of Panipat—their Flodden field, where the Afghans drove them back from the gates of Delhi, and inflicted a blow upon them from which they never recovered.

We had enemies in all quarters—north, south, and east, and even in the west; the sea, our ancient and natural ally, whence alone we could draw men and munitions of war, was cleared by the fleets of Angria, who had wrapped up in the folds of his piratical dominion a wide extent of country stretching away south from the mouth of Bombay harbour. Moreover, the fall of Bassein in 1739 was an event of sinister import to us, and added new dangers to our political situation, for we were now hemmed in as we had never been before. Bad as the Portuguese were in Salsette, they were better neighbours for us than the Mahrattas, who now, after sweeping over the island, confronted us with their outposts on the hill of Bandora. And this may be said,—that weak as Portugal was, so long as she held Salsette it acted as a barrier between us and the enemy, and broke the force of the mass that was pressing down upon us from the Dekany hills.

Our readers will see that the outlook from the bastions of Bombay Castle was at this time altogether a dreary one; for though the sun rose then as it does now, there was this important difference, —that there was not a peak or valley in the wide [illegible] lighted up but was overshadowed by the hands of the [illegible] Sivaji, Sahu, Oorun Caranjah, Kurnalla, Prabhul, Matheran, Bhowmalang, with the Khandalla range ending in Rajmachi, with all the intervening country and ten times as much beyond it, with the islands of Henri, Khenri, Elephanta, and Trombay, were governed or misgoverned by the enemies of England.

The truth seems to be—and it was well understood by those who then lived in Bombay, and by those who lived out of it, who had studied the subject—that we could not afford to quarrel, just at this particular time, with either the Peishwa or his great henchman Angria; and though we did not turn our cheeks to the smiter, we had from motives of expediency to allow their gibes and jeers, and scoffs and taunts, to pass apparently unnoticed. When we made a ditch round the fort, they told us that they would soon fill it up in a single night with their slippers. When they seized a supply of our swords, they sent word to us that they would not cut butter. Once we went so far as to negotiate with Angria, and try and buy him off, by an annual subsidy, an attitude which looks like temporising. He asked for twelve lakhs of rupees or £150,000 per annum. That was what he estimated the worth of his predatory commerce. But this policy had one good effect,—that it enabled us to gain time, bide our time, recruit our marine, and strengthen our fortification, which before this time was between the bastions of the nature of a garden-wall. The destruction of Angria and the defeat of Panipat came afterwards; and it is not too much to say that it was almost a miracle that Bombay was not now swallowed up in the Mahratta dominion of Western India—

A living prey
Unto their teeth.
And bloody cruelty.

Such was the political situation of Bombay when our author landed here in the autumn of the year of our Lord 1750.

He came out in the Lord Anson, East Indiaman, and had a voyage of five months, which was considered a good one. There is no doubt, we think, that he landed at our present Custom House bunder, and if so he would be most conveniently placed for paying his respects to the Governor. So at 6 in the evening he hied him to Government House, as in duty bound. It was quite near, and you may still see the framework of it within the Arsenal. The Governor was affable and courteous, and *sans ceremonie*

ASKED MR. GROSE TO SUPPER

that very evening. His name was William Wake, and he was now completing the eighth year of his reign, to be succeeded by a man better known in history as the Honourable Richard Bouchier, Esq. And here it may be as well to observe that the hours of business at this time in Bombay were from sunrise to 1 p. m., when its cares and troubles were laid aside and our breeched and wigged citizens, and our patched dames and demoiselles, spent their time, like the little children in France, in eating, drinking, and sleeping. If the *moments gouté d'heure* was about 12, the time of universal satisfaction was 1 p.m. when dinner was served. After this came the hookah, the gurgling noise of which, sooth to say, had a wonderfully soothing effect, and sent the guests asleep. It is averred that the siesta was invigorating, and that they rose like giants refreshed, and sallied out to walk, ride, or drive on such oxen-drawn vehicles as were then available in the neighbourhood of Bombay Green. Fortified with the fresh sea breeze along the Back Bay sands, or a lounge on Mendham's point, our diners of 1 o'clock returned at 8 with renewed appetite to attack the ghost of the feast, to which there were added some piquant dishes with which the cooks of these days no doubt found it their interest to titillate the jaded palate. And if they could not eat, they could drink. For Niebuhr tells us they were nothing loth to grapple with the strong wines of Portugal, the consumption of which, he avers, contributed to swell the mortuary returns. But in addition to these, Grose tells us of three drinks which now burst upon the bibulous world of Bombay with astonishing effect. The three viands which now divided public attention were the spirit of Deer, the spirit of Mutton, and the spirit of Goat, to such marvellous ingenuity are men driven to invent new names for liquors to quench their thirst. These drinks were in great vogue, and the way they got their names was this :—A haunch of venison, a joint of mutton, or a quarter of goat was thrown into the vat when the arrack was being distilled, and while correcting its fiery nature, imparted a new flavour which was considered mighty fine. The blend of each of these spirits was different; every man had his favourite, some the one, some the other, the deer, no doubt, from its wild *gout* outrunning the other animal spirits in the chase. We ourselves should rather object to any one of them, but as matter of history this explains the consumption of arrack, of which it is said the English were the best customers of the boat brands from Goa. There could be at this supper only

A FEW LADIES,

as in 1739 there were only eight unmarried ladies in the Bombay Presidency, twenty married ladies, four to eight widows and "never more" than seven children. This hat Malthusian statement, even though seven is the complete number, seems to us preposterous, and throws discredit upon the entire statement. It is quite true that Niebuhr was here for six months in 1764, and tells us that during the whole time he was here neither marriage nor baptism took place, but even this statement does not warrant us on the vital statistics of Bombay at any period, uttering the cry of Poe's raven—"*Never more!*"

But we are now on safer ground. All the ladies wore patches. At least Mrs. King, the Chief's wife, of Angengo, did, and Angengo, if we recollect rightly, was then a more lucrative post than Bombay. Here it was that Orme the historian was born, and Eliza Draper; so we imitate Sterne in asking pardon of the reader for the "digression." But to the patches. Grose records that at a reception some leading natives condoled with Mr. King on his wife's distemper, and hoped that there would be no more breaking out of boils and blains! At this supper party there could be no lack of

SUBJECTS OF CONVERSATION.

The Scotch Rebellion was already an extinct volcano, and Grose does not notice the Scotch unless to call attention to the fact that the Dekhany tat resembles those shaggy brutes that are reared on the mountains of Scotland. The peace of Aix-la-Chapelle is not once named. People do not talk statecraft after dinner, much less after supper; so Grose amuses us with the way he dodged the sea-sickness by going on board the Lord Anson with an empty stomach. No doubt everybody having supped, resolved to try the same on going home, the sea moaning bodefully all the time on the blackrocks outside the big dining-room. Grose was fond of two fearful bugbears to new comers, the Beerbiers and the Mordechino, but was consoled by the fact that the doctors of Bombay were now a very different lot from the rusty razors of past times. The health of the city was greatly improved, for which we had very much to thank the doctors.

To have good doctors you must pay them well. This is an axiom that cannot be disputed, so Grose avers that the small allowances granted to surgeons in the early days of Bombay was a principal reason why its mortality had become a byeword in Europe, where Bombay was termed the grave of Englishmen. He tells us that Governor Phipps (1720 to 1728), anxious to curry favour with his masters at home inaugurated a number of reductions, and among others in the Bombay Marine. On examining a schedule of salaries, he observed the surgeon's salary put down at Rs. 42 per mensem. "O ho! there must be some mistake here; the figures are transposed." And sure enough, he altered them to Rs. 24. (1)

Grose gives us the particulars of a race of pigmies in the Carnatic. Two specimens had been sent by one Vencajee residing in those parts to Robert Horne, Governor (1734-39), and Captain Boag was commissioned to bring them up to Bombay. The creatures were two feet high, were without hair, sallow white in colour, and walked erect. They were melancholy, had a rational sense of their captivity, and many human actions. They made their own beds, and the joints of their legs were not re-entering like monkeys, but salient like those of men. The sea air did not agree with them: the female sickened and died, and the male became inconsolable and died also. Boag buried them at sea. Horne, like many men, was fond of specimens, and asked the captain why he did not preserve them in spirits, who replied bluntly that he never thought of it. So this new race perished on their way to Bombay; for though Governor Horne wrote to Vencajee to get another pair, the pigmies would not be coaxed out of their lair, but remain impenetrably fixed in their native jungles.

THE GOVERMENT HOUSE (2)

where Grose took his supper is still to the fore, and must be the oldest house in Bombay. It is marked "Governor's House" in his map of Bombay, and now faces you as you enter the gate of the Bombay Arsenal, with a board upon it, on which is printed the prosaic inscription "Pattern Room." In a paper on Gerald Aungier, about eighteen months ago, we hazarded the conjecture that the "four-square house" we took over from the Portuguese was still extant, though the moderns have put an upper storey on its bomb-proof roof. The discovery of this map of Grose sets the question at rest. This venerable relic still exists, and can never cease to be of interest to every man who is proud of his city and curious of its early history. Here the first twenty Governors, from Aungier to Hornby, had their abode, Oxenden and Child in the seventeenth century, and such magnates as Boone, Bourchier, and Crommelin in the eighteenth. Not all wassail and wine, for here, no doubt, Cooke was disgraced, Child died, and here in 1734 Robert Cowan received his notice to quit the service of the East India Company, and not very far off in the four bastions and curtain of Bombay Castle, some of the most momentous scenes of Bombay history have taken place.

We are sure our fellow-citizens will join in the wish that such a venerable relic as exists among us should be carefully preserved. It may, and it may not. The spirit of improvement is abroad; and not very far off.

So great is the rage for improvement now-a-days, that [illegible] may will remove it as an exercise scheme.

The Castle, an our readers are aware, is a quadrangle, and the bastion facing Mody Bay was called Tauk Bastion. Not for the reason that it was near the big tank which faces the Mint, but because there is a tank of water within the bastion itself. Here is also one of the oldest sculptured works in Bombay. It may indeed be Portuguese and before our advent. This is

A COLOSSAL SUNDIAL,

ten feet high, with much grotesque carving, heads of men, monsters, and animals, intermingled with leaves, towering high above the dial-face. The visitor will observe that the disc looks out seaward; indeed, as you stand on the bastion the face cannot be observed without a considerable craning of the neck, and the angle seems, exactly the same as that of the clock-face of the Arsenal observatory, to catch the eye of the mariner on entering the harbour. The gnomon is gone, but even if a new one were fixed in it, it could be of no use, for the roof of some buildings obstruct the view of it from the sea. The hours are now as distinctly marked as on the day that they were cut in the stone, and in the rim or border which surrounds it a seed of the pepul tree having found a matrix, projects a branch covered with big leaves, which wave to and fro in the breeze over the dial-plate, as if in mockery of time and the strongest efforts of man to measure it.

The time that we have spent with Grose in

THE BOMBAY OF 1750

leaves no doubt in our mind that it was a dirty, uncomfortable, exasperating kind of place. There is much to interest one, however, particularly a new arrival. We are shown the Breach, now the Vellard, and which has been long known as

HORNBY'S VELLARD.

[Dr. Buist seems to have been aware that the vellard was built before Hornby's Governorship, for he tells us in an article on the Geology of Bombay which is published in the transactions of the Bombay Geographical Transactions, vol. X., 1852, that the embankment between Love Grove and Mahaluxmi was completed "about a hundred years before" i. e. 1752, which, it is said, has contributed much to the improved health of the place.] It has already cost £150,000. We had always understood that this was the special work of Admiral Hornby, Governor 1771-84, and indeed that this was the last work he executed. But here it is in a book published in 1772, a second edition, and which was certainly written ere Hornby could have done anything to it as Governor. He, may, however, have given the finishing touch to it. But let us look at

THE FORT.

The walls appear very much as they are laid down in Murray's Guide-book map of 1857, ere the levelling process had commenced. Barring Elphinstone-circle, the configuration of the business part of the town, its main streets and lines of communication, are very much in appearance what they are now in 1882. By a picture in this book taken from about the site of the Town Hall, we are glad to renew acquaintance with our old friend, the Cathedral. It is the same, and not the same. Being shorn of the upper portion of the tower where the clock is, it looks stunted in the picture, what Dr. Chalmers to an agricultural friend called "a church of the short-horned breed." It looks abashed and less crowded than it now is, and altogether in alonely and noiseless neighbourhood.

We can aver that the same tree, *a ficus*, which still overshadows the fountain between the Circle and the Cathedral, where so many men and beasts slake their thirst and find a shelter from the noonday sun, is there. On the site of Sassoon's Buildings (Kemp's) are two double-storeyed houses, the upper storey having a verandah the exact counterpart of that which you may still see in the old Secretariat, Apollo-street, and which may be accepted as the type of the houses which were being erected about this time. In this neighbourhood, and occupying as it were the rim of the Bombay Green, were the houses of the leading Government servants and merchants, but mostly one-storeyed bungalows, as the want of room had not begun to tell, the best proof of which is that on looking up Church Gate-street we can see that the great block now opposite Mrs. Lake's shop, extending for two or three hundred yards up our present Hornby-row, is covered with cocoanut trees. That quarter within the Fort walls occupied by what Grose calls the black population—we mean what is embraced between Hornby-row and Moody Khan-street and the Circle, and the outlet to the north of Bazaar-street on your way to the Boree-bunder station, where the old Bazaar-gate stood—seems as densely peopled as now. The population of the island was then about 100,000. Not only so, but Apollo and Marine-streets, Church Gate-street, Hummum-street, Medows-street in all its integrity under another name which we do not know, as General Medows' Governorship lasted from 1788 to 1790, and even the lanes, such as Ash, Dean, Rope Walk, and others, debouching on our now Rampart-row, are extant; while the block on which the Oriental Bank now stands, and which some of our readers will remember as the site of Treacher's shop, stands out like a promontory parallel with the walls of the town. There is now a house, two-storeyed, and as the phrase goes, self-contained, at the end of Medows-street, nearly opposite the old *Bombay Gazette* office, which represents a style of this date (and another of a similar character may be seen next to the Old Court House, in Apollo-street), and which a Glasgow reader would recognise as an exact copy of the buildings in Virginia-street, belonging to the same period. It must have been, we think, the residence of some European magnate who courted the sea-breeze on this outskirt of the Fort; and the walls of some portion of the Convent School and Chapel in the same street are so old that you need not be afraid to carry them back to a time anterior to the English occupation. As for Cowasjee Patel-street, Parsee Bazar-street and Mody Khan-street, there are no doubt houses there, either inhabited or in ruins, as old as Bombay Castle.

There was scarcely at this time in all Colaba a single building except three tombs (one of which at all events remains) in the middle of the island, which were always kept whitewashed as a guide to vessels entering the harbour; and at the extreme end, on a small eminence, a look-out house (he does not say a light-house) for ships. The whole of Colaba, he tells us, was let in 1750 for grazing at £20 or Rs. 200 per annum. We are afraid we must bring Mendham's Burying-ground nearer the Fort walls than the Bandstand and Cooperage, the site usually assigned to it. The portico of St. Andrew's Kirk as it now stands (1882) would be, we estimate, about 200 feet from the gateway of Mendham's Burying-ground, which was a parallelogram apparently about 500 feet long and 250 broad, and so near the sea (you must make allowance for reclaimed land) that at high tide on walking along the beach you would, as in the case of Colaba churchyard, require to elbow your way round the corner between the sea and the cemetery walls. We know that Mendham's Burying-ground was cleared away in 1760, and Sonapore opened at the same time. Grose's map lays down Mendham, which is evidence in itself that it was drawn before 1760. The banian-trees near the Young Men's Christian Institute are no doubt exuberant for obvious reasons. We must not omit that in our *coup d'œil* past the Cathedral, we descry at the terminus of Church Gate-street the gate itself, turreted (near the Floral Fountain), and with perhaps a sleeping-room above, also a side door or "needle-eye" for late men who were on the *wandergang* and required the pass or word of the night during the small hours. At this period, and long before it, there must have been many residences, country-houses of rich Portuguese and others, at Mazagon. Of what may be termed the new Native Town, north of the Esplanade, the eastern part, say about the present Jumma Musjid, comprehending the Market, Mandvie, Gomerkanree and Bhuleshwar districts are much older than the western, *i. e.*, Dhobie-talao, Girgaum, Chowpattie and Khetwady, which latter appear as a mass of cocoanut-gardens, so late as a map of 1806. It is astonishing how even now the cocoanut seems to swallow up all the buildings in this last-named district in a mass of greenery. For look at it from Cumballa Hill or the new road on Malabar Hill, in the month of May when every green herb without water is burnt up, and all is dun, there is no such Much more from the summit of the Clock Tower; and Mr. Geary mentioned in the account of his balloon ascent, that at an altitude of several thousand feet, almost everything of Bombay disappeared, except the docks and the coco trees, in fact I think he hinted that our abode for this very reason might [illegible] the "Green Isle." Speaking of

THE DOCK YARD

we may as well accompany Mr. Grose to it. He calls it the Marine Yard, and to-day we enter it by the same big gateway opposite the old Court House, the ground being still devoted to the same purpose as in 1750. A crowd of new buildings have since sprung up with which we do not at present concern ourselves. The original Dry Dock of Bombay still exists in all its integrity. It astonished not only Grose, but Niebuhr who notes that two ships could be repaired in it at one time. Though ship-building has much outgrown the dimensions of this dock, it can still accommodate two craft of considerable burthen at once, and to our hazy notions of hydraulic engineering, seems a splendid piece of mason work, as good to-day apparently as it was 150 years ago. The newer dock nearer the Sailors' Home, and lying in juxta position and parallel with this, does not at all events be by way of contrast offer anything like the outline of the other, which seems to approach the utmost limit in this direction of the Bombay fortification seawards, is a salient angle covered by a most venerable relic of antiquity, and which you ascend by stairs much the worse of the wear. This is no less than the Royal Bastion of Bombay, on which no doubt much bunting and gunpowder were expended in former generations. The ground sounds hollow under your feet, for lascars of sorts or marine men and women seem to have taken up their abode in Troglodyte fashion within the vaults beneath. On descending you observe an arch as old looking as the hills, which leads through a tunnel to the other and shore side of this bastion and great sea-wall. Here Grose no doubt heard the waves of the Indian Ocean dashing at his feet, and saw before him the melancholy main, with, in one direction, no land intervening between him and the coast of Africa. This bastion to a favoured few at 6 p.m. must have supplied in 1750 the place of the Apollo-bunder, and a more eligible spot for enjoying the sea-breeze and a view of the harbour we cannot imagine.

(To be Continued.)

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(1) Shortly before this period there was considerable grumbling among the writers of the Company, and in 1739 they sent home a representation that their income was insufficient to defray their expenses accompanied by the following schedule to show that their living could not be "done for less."

Calculation of Monthly Bombay Expenses.

	Rs.	qrs.
One fowl per diem at 1 qr. 6 p. each ..	9	3
One chicken or fish and rice 1 p. each ..	3	1
Flour, pepper, mustard, &c.	0	2
Greens	0	3
3 rotis per diem, 2 p. each	2	1
Wine and Punch, Rs. 2 each	15	0
Ghee	0	3
Oil and Candles	4	0
Wood 1,200 billets Rs. 2 per mille	3	0
Tea half daily	1	2
Sugar or sugar-candy	2	0
Milk	0	3
Butter, 2 lbs., Re. 1 per lb.	2	0
Water-bearer	0	2
	Rs. 48	2

The drink and oil bill mean late hours, for though the bill is small those items form a large proportion of the gross expenditure.

(2) When the English took possession of this island, they found in that part of it which chiefly commands the harbour an old fortified house, the residence of the Portuguese Governors, and though this house might have served for other valuable uses, they were tempted to make of it the centre house of the castle which they built round it. It is however impossible to conceive in every sense a more incommodious structure, and the same or perhaps less cost than the reparations and additions have stood in to the Company would have built a much better mansion new from the ground. For the false economy of preserving this old piece of building, which need not to have been considered or known a way had taught us to believe, it is however impossible to conceive in every sense a more incommodious structure, and the same or perhaps less cost than the reparations and additions have stood in to the Company would have built a much better mansion new from the ground. For the false economy of preserving this old piece of building, which need not to have been considered or known a way had taught us to believe, that it hinders the English not only for overlooking the mere commanding position to the harbour which is that of all this point, but made them blind to the disadvantages of the Fort built round it, being overlooked by an eminence near it called Bungharee point, on which there is now [illegible] untenable little fort of no defence which [illegible] the town pulson for debtors or criminals.

A voyage to the East Indies, 3 M Carn, London 1774.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA ATHLETIC SPORTS.

THE annual athletic sports of the Bombay Gymkhana were held yesterday afternoon and were witnessed by a large concourse of people.

LONG JUMP.—The first event was the long jump, and the winner was A. Arthur, who covered 17 ft. 10 in.

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cautiously, at the risk of
ce, is simply absurd; and
numbers are not to be
might be shown to their

J. A. DE GAMA.

CULLA HOTEL COMPANY.

OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

anyone your readers inform me
for shares of the Byculla Hotel
have been allotted to the appli-
why I inquire is that on appli-
number of shares of the above-
paid the prescribed amount
ing, and now some months
share has not been any thing fur-
by applied, I wonder.

SIKUNDER BABA.

ENT AND THE THEO-
SOPHISTS.

extract from Bishop Sargent's

even tenor of our Tinnevelly
somewhat agitated last week by
electorate of the President of the
the wildest rumours were
Hindus that a European gentle-
political and social posi-
Christianity and become a Hindu
become a veritable Rishi of the
ogy and practice! I was curious to
gentleman of admitted English or
climate could possibly conform to the
Buddhist or the Saivite sect
who, are idolators to the backbone,
not be
that any blame attaches to the
rumours that were thus set afloat
reference of Hinduism, it was the
scients who, thus thought
the President's own. The President seems
fairly outspoken when he publicly
preference for *Buddhism* and
Christianity as being the common enemies
It was this antagonism to Christianity
expressed which drew so much sym-
pathy from a Hindu writer asserti-
powerful herein holds good, "*The*
enmity of my enemies are my friends." Still I am
glad to know there were some among the auditors
who did not approve of the President's remarks.
Most Christians, as I and Christianity. One objection,
evidently lay at the President's heart, suggested
doubtless by the Ceylon men, was quietly to do
something which might be regarded as a peaceful
compromise between the Hindus and the Bud-
dhists, the principles of antagonism and retaliation.
This would have been a mighty result; but there
was no hope of its being effected by open and *bona*
fide action. No one might as well expect water and oil
to commingle and effect a real union between
those two parties. The innocently emblem of a
young cocoanut tree brought by Singalese from
Ceylon and planting it in the temple yard of the
Head Quarters of Tinnevelly, would, if accepted by the
Hindus, be looked upon as a token of reconciliation.
This would have been a great matter on which to rest an ar-
gument and thus to prove the progress of the Theo-
sophical society. But the populace were not to be so
easily appeased. They removed the plant from
its original site and placed it elsewhere, and the
whole temple yard had to be ceremonially purified
of the contamination it had thus contracted by the
intrusion of the foreigner. Desirable as such a
reconciliation might be, I see no sufficiently strong
motive set forth in the prospectus of this Theosophical
Society to warrant the hope of so wonderful a result. To
assert of *caste and brotherhood* will never effect
it. For the life-blood of Hindu-m is caste, and
this the Buddhist religiously rejects. All things
would then continue just as they were. Nothing
would be achieved. Not even a new religious or social
phenomenon. As to the principle upon which the
Society is founded, it seems to me essentially to
resist coherency. The time-honoured institution of
Freemasonry seems not to possess the requirements of
this new Society. Branches may be composed solely
of co-religionists, Aryas, Buddhists, Hindus, Zoroas-
trians, Jews, Christians, Mohammadans, Jains, &c.,
each unfettered by any Presidential control. No one
member has the right to preach his own sectarian views
and belief, or deprecate the religion of other men-
bers together. Fellows assembled, "*except when the*
meeting forsooth, or his presidentship, is for the
only thing when now gives a show of importance
to this movement in the estimation of common
people is that every member has to pay an initiation
fee of Rs. 10 and the members are bound by certain
signs and pass words.

THE CHARGE OF NEGLIGENCE AGAINST DRIVER WATTS.

At the close of the evidence Mr. Hill, counsel for the prosecution, rose and said—My Lord, that substantially completes the evidence I am in a position to produce upon the part of the prosecution, and after the observations that have fallen from your Lordship as to the impossibility of a conviction being permitted, when the matter be-comes one of a few minutes or seconds and the suggested culpability of the accused turns upon the choice of a few seconds this way or that, I do not think I should be rightly discharging my duty were I to seek to press the case further. I feel the force of justice of your Lordship's remarks and having in other object in view than the ends of justice and the proper investigation of the charge against the accused, which has now been most searchingly made, I would ask your sanction to withdraw from the prosecution.

Mr. Justice Stephen—I think that [illegible] upon the learned counsel for the prosecution to address me in reference to the observa-tions that have been made by Mr. Hill in the pro-priety and discretion of which I most cordially con-cur. I must treat the case, the substantial whole of which is before me, from the point of view as to whether there is or is not evidence to go to the jury of criminal rashness or criminal negligence on the part of the prisoner. It is my duty and my respon-sibility to decide upon this point, and I am most unwillingly of opinion that there is not such evi-dence, and that I am bound so to rule. It must be remembered that we are not trying a case for com-pensation in damages for injuries caused, but we are investigating a criminal charge the essence of which is that the accused is charged with having been guilty of such a culpable rash act, or omission, or such a culpably negligent act, or omission, as would bring him within the operation of the Penal Code and render him amenable to punishment. A case may be honestly tried in what he did, or made a mis-take of judgment he is not responsible to the Criminal law, nor to it, to assume. This, because an accident has happened and lives are lost has not been carelessly committed an offence. Indeed, when a case-trophe of this kind happens there is too often a tendency to fix the blame on an individual when perhaps the fault is the system which is in fault. Now in this case, the signal was undoubtedly wrongly and again repeat it most emphatically, that no doubt is entertained by me that the accused was guilty of any criminal rashness or neglect; but the way in which the evidence to the goods train, is material to this case, that when we are called upon to deter-mine whether having regard to the position in which he was placed, the duties he had to discharge and the responsibilities that attached to him, the accused was encountered by reasonable and ordi-nary circumstances. Such as he might fairly an-ticipate, provide for and guard against, or by ex-traordinary circumstances. I do not think that he was. I have very carefully looked at the va-rious lights thrown by him during the run of the mail after the collision, and he seems to have observed an almost uniform rate of speed, occasionally pulling at this station but cousc-quently pulling at another. From what he saw with his eyes and thought that was delivered to him as Sedaan, he might reasonably enough have inferred that the luggage train had abundant time to be housed in the Shekehabad station before the mail was half way from Wadi to that latter place. I will not go over the other matters detailed in proof; that satisfies my mind that this case ought not to go to the jury. But I have thought it right to make these remarks because in point of fact the course is called upon in the present instance to pronounce very much the duties that in England would be discharged by a coroner's inquest. I do not know that any complaint at all; on the con-trary, I am glad to think that this enquiry has taken place, as will effectually reply to the mere-sentences of those mischievous people who thought it to insinuate, that, because natives have been killed, the railway company and the authorities have been trying to whitewash. It is greatly to be regretted that any thing of the kind was said and written, but I will confine me to the end of the chap-ter certain that no one more than the Agent of the railway can regret the loss of these poor creatures, and the only satisfaction we have is, that they have not died in the obscurity that has now taken place of a great flood of light upon many for example, as the mode in which the Badan station, which supplied the railway authorities information as to defects in a system hitherto worked most admirably and which, if brought to their notice, would have led to such a verdict of not guilty, but of censure as that the Government since, last summer, then consider the effect of the coming to the front of such gifted disciples of this policy as Generals Skobeleff and Tchernaieff. General Tchernaieff has already been appointed to the general staff, and will, it is confidently affirmed, be shortly ap-pointed at the head of a new province or district to be formed on the Chinese frontier. As to General Skobeleff, his present position is one of much more favour in the eyes of the Czar than it promised to be a few months ago. It was remarked at the time of the great military Commission in the Winter Palace that while the older veterans, such as General Todleben, were for certain changes in the actual system of the army, General Skobeleff, the youngest member for his rank at the Board, was entirely devoted to the present organi-zation and warmly supported the conservative views of the Emperor conveyed through Count Vorontzoff Dashkoff. Since then, and especially after the gift of a handsome Turkoman steed to the Imperial master, General Skobeleff has gradually found a better footing at Court. It is now proposed to appoint him to be chief of the revising Commis-sion for overhauling the status of General Kaufmann's Administration in Turkestan, and as soon as the vacancy occurs by the decease of the present Governor-General to establish him in that post. Whether such pushing patriots, and rivals for fame as Skobeleff and Tchernaieff will ever work to-gether in Central Asia without the influence and energy of one entirely overwhelming the other is a question not easily answered. In any case, it must not be forgotten that Skobeleff and Tcher-gaieff are both old hands at war and policy in Central Asia, as well as ardent champions of all persecuted Slaves, and the fact therefore remain-that these two brilliant men, with their host of able satellites, are by all appearances gradually coming into power and influence. When it is further more taken into consideration that the opinion and policy of Count Ignatieff, who is credit-ed with efforts to exchange the direction of Rus-sian [illegible] those of the Panslavic mass [illegible]

TOBACCO MANUFACTURE.

A PAMPHLET by M. Hanenschild on the tobacco monopoly in France, contains some more startling revelations as to the alleged adulteration of the Irngrant weed; and his work may be added to the already long list of books and pamphlets by lecturers and other enemies of smoking. The writer affirms that in Thuringia, where the manufacture of so-called tobacco for German use here goes on with the greatest activity, there is scarcely any thing in this industry the almost incredible quantity of 30,000 quintals or nearly 2,000 tons of leaves leaves. At Magdeburg and in the Palatinate the favourite adulterants are the leaves of the common potato plant. Here and in others places the compound out of which the German "cigars" are made includes various nicotinous ingredients, the following heterogeneous ingredients:—Sugar, rum, tamarinds, saltpetre, sal perlash, gum, salts or ammonia, and volatile oils. Or is it only cigars which are thus turned out, for the same materials are largely used in making the finer sorts of cut tobacco and for pipes and cigarettes. Nor are the shiny brown paperish-looking cigars, familiar to all travellers in Germany, more artificial than several other kinds which have comparatively little adulteration. M. Hanenschild says a grave indictment against the well-known "Vevey-longs" which have spread through all Europe the fame of that little town on the shores of the Lake of Geneva. He asserts that there is not a particle of real tobacco in them, and that they are all made entirely of cabbage and bee root leaves, steeped for a long time in a decoction of genuine tobacco with they have acquired a sufficient flavour to enable them to serve their purpose.—*Globe.*

DEATH OF BERTHOLD AUERBACH.

BERTHOLD AUERBACH, the celebrated German novelist and poet, died recently at Cannes, whither he had gone for the sake of his health. His seventieth birthday, which he would have reached on the 28th inst., was to be celebrated throughout Germany, and in anticipation of it Herr Eugen Zabel had published a biography of the popular novelist, the profits of which will be given to a fund now being raised for the erection of an almshouse in Nordstetten, his birthplace. The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News* says:—"Auerbach, who was of Jewish origin, had been much troubled of late by the development in Germany of anti-Semitism, and it is believed that Berlin merely hastened his death, while the Liberal press have many articles on his life and works.

INTERV[illegible] M. GAMBETTA

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THE WORKING OF THE IRISH LAND ACT.

THE *Times'* Dublin Correspondent writes:—The Sub-Commissioners continue in all directions to cut down the rents unsparingly, some of them reducing rents which have been unchanged since the beginning of the century. An analysis of the reduction showing their trenchant character has been prepared by the Land Commissioners, and will be immediately brought under the notice of Parlia-ment. In one case, in a southern court, rent which in 1795 was £117, at a time when there was scarcely a road in the district, and which was voluntarily reduced by the landlord many years ago to £90, has been further reduced to £75. Such reductions as these are complained of as capricious and wholly unreasonable. On the other hand, the reductions made in Belfast on the Biggar estates by the Sub-Commissioners are among the most remarkable &c and cases in which patriots who are known to have ardent sympathies with the people put in practice the principles they preach. Mr. Biggar, M.P., whose sisters were the owners, declines the chance of agreeing, though he was re-ported to be so, and explains that he only allowed a clerk in his office on some occasions to receive the rents for his sisters. But most people will pro-bably be inclined to think that the principle "*qui facit per alium facit per se* is applicable to his case, and Mr. Commissioner Greer expressly stated that it transpired in the evidence that he was agent. He observed that the lands which were valued for within seven miles of Belfast, were formerly held by Mr. Joy. Under him the rental was £213, which was excessive. When the property was for sale the tenants wished to buy it, but the late Mr. Biggar outbid them and was declared the purchaser for £3,100. The tenants had executed valuable improve-ments on the holding at their own expense. Imme-diately on Mr. Biggar becoming the purchaser he gave notice to all the tenants of an increase of 25 per cent., without any regard to the value of the improvements they had effected on the holdings. The rent, which was originally £213, was then raised to £266, and as the Land Act of 1870 was not then in existence, the tenants were obliged to pay their rent or take £5 an acre for their interest in the farm. And so Mr. M'Cassey, an experienced valuator, and Mr. Carlisle, on the part of the landlord, valued the holdings at 15 per cent. less than the rent, but they did not think that was a sufficient reduc-tion, having regard to the present value of improvements effected by the tenant predecessors in title. The Commissioners rest-ed on the fact that Mr. Biggar M.P., had

[illegible] SMUND FITZMAURICE has sent [illegible] the *Pall Mall Gazette* an account of some recent proceedings in the Kerry Law Court. Where one rents in the property of a Mr. Townsend Trench was reduced 25 per cent. This landlord was a prominent agitator, and had been inveighing against the "tyranny" on the Lansdowne estates in the same neighbourhood, apparently having forgotten the parable of the beam and the mote. The "test case" of the widow Leary, one of Mr. Downing's unfortunate tenants, is deplor-able and disgraceful, and certainly by no means what one might expect on the estate of an eager seeker after popularity. Her rent is reduced from £7 to £4. The house officially described as "not deserving to be called a hovel even in its best days;" farm could not yield more than £7; all improvements executed by tenant and her predecessors.

It seems to have escaped the notice of those who are screeching against the Commissioners, that such reductions are almost everywhere re-letting their farms at quite as large and, in many cases, at a much larger reduction than the judicial average in Ireland. (*Truth*) have received particulars of several cases which have been recommended to the attention of landlords and their ranting partisans, whose zeal is by no means in accordance with their knowledge. A large farm in West Kife, having been revalued, is to be let at £1,150 upon the new valuation, and another in the same district is to be reduced 10s. per acre. In the Border counties, a farm on Lord Had-dington's Mellerstain estate has fallen, on being re-let, from £1,230 to £750. In the same district, Lord Lauderdale has reduced rents 10, 20 and 30 per cent.; and in several cases has agreed to undertake building improvements. A farm on Lady Reay's property has been re-let at a fall of 30 per cent. All these voluntary reductions show clearly enough that land has everywhere been preposterously over-rented, and that tenants holding farms under leases at the old rates cannot possibly hope to make both ends meet.

GENERAL SKOBELEFF.

The [illegible] St. Petersburg correspondent writes:—Most [illegible] Skobeleff's first speech was nothing more than an enthusiastic eulogy of the principles and traditions of the national and Pan-Slavonian party. As the speech of a Russian hero, however much he may insist upon it being the mere expression of the soldier's heart, it is nevertheless a matter that should not be passed over without notice, for Skobeleff, more than most representa-tive Russians, is in thorough sympathy and unison with the aspirations of the national party. The aspirations of Panslavism may naturally elicit the contempt and opposition of the Western world, but they are, after all, a strong national and patrio-tic movement, and I venture to think that the Russians as a people have a perfect right, and when Skobeleff denounces that "Cosmopolitan Euro-peanism" which tries to force upon Russia all kinds of foreign theories in utter disregard of the nature and traditions of its people, he is only uttering a truth of which the whole history of Russia since Peter the Great is an ample proof. The pressure which he says is entertained by Russians when they see a national element bending into error is, it must be supposed, a covert allusion to ourselves, and may well be dwelt upon by those who watch the ins of confidence and mistrust which periodically come in and go in the Russian menage in the East. There are a vast number of persons, both Russians and others, who have never given General Skobeleff the credit or being anything but a dashing and enthusiastic soldier, and they would be considerably astonished if the "White General" should one day turn out to be an equally good diplomatist or politician. It is, therefore, in itself interesting to note what is now said by a man who, as a soldier, has hitherto said so little. But the great interest of the opinions of General Skobeleff at this juncture is to be seen in their connexion with the present tendency and drift of Russian policy. Which, in the first place, the assertion of "O. K." in *Fraser's Magazine* that Alexander III. is bent on re-Russianizing Russia—a statement which is certainly in accordance with the spirit and action of the Government since last summer. We then consider the effect of the coming to the front of such gifted disciples of this policy as Generals Skobeleff and Tchernaieff. General Tchernaieff has already been appointed to the general staff, and will, it is confidently affirmed, be shortly ap-pointed at the head of a new province or district to be formed on the Chinese frontier. As to General Skobeleff, his present position is one of much more favour in the eyes of the Czar than it promised to be a few months ago. It was remarked at the time of the great military Commission in the Winter Palace that while the older veterans, such as General Todleben, were for certain changes in the actual system of the army, General Skobeleff, the youngest member for his rank at the Board, was entirely devoted to the present organi-zation and warmly supported the conservative views of the Emperor conveyed through Count Vorontzoff Dashkoff. Since then, and especially after the gift of a handsome Turkoman steed to the Imperial master, General Skobeleff has gradually found a better footing at Court. It is now proposed to appoint him to be chief of the revising Commis-sion for overhauling the status of General Kaufmann's Administration in Turkestan, and as soon as the vacancy occurs by the decease of the present Governor-General to establish him in that post. Whether such pushing patriots, and rivals for fame as Skobeleff and Tchernaieff will ever work to-gether in Central Asia without the influence and energy of one entirely overwhelming the other is a question not easily answered. In any case, it must not be forgotten that Skobeleff and Tcher-gaieff are both old hands at war and policy in Central Asia, as well as ardent champions of all persecuted Slaves, and the fact therefore remain-that these two brilliant men, with their host of able satellites, are by all appearances gradually coming into power and influence. When it is further more taken into consideration that the opinion and policy of Count Ignatieff, who is credit-ed with efforts to exchange the direction of Rus-sian [illegible] those of the Panslavic mass [illegible]

FIGHTING WITH THE BOERS.

DURBAN, FEB. 9.

A TELEGRAM has just arrived from the Diamond Fields stating that a force of 300 Boers and 600 natives had crossed the Convention boundary of the Transvaal and attacked Montsioa, who charged out and routed them; two Boers and several natives were killed. On the other side six were wounded. The fighting lasted from January 26 to January 28. On that day 200 Boers and natives attacked Jan Massibi, who capitulated. The fighting was con-tinued on the 30th and 31st, when the correspondent left.

THE EFFECTS OF THE FRENCH FINANCIAL COLLAPSE.

IT is announced that Mdme. de la Panouze, better known as Mdlle. Heilbronn, will return to the stage. She has made an arrangement which enables her to keep her hotel itself, looking on the Parc Monceau. There is no more charming archi-tectural casket in all Europe for a theatrical part of rare price than the abode of this songstress. M. de la Panouze has begun well as husband and Mahom. It is not the only near relative of the ex-President whose fortune has been engulfed in the wreck of the Union Générale. Vicomte d'Harcourt, who was as clever as financing as his niece was the reverse, is in a position to say with truth that he was not even a selling agent of the Board of Directors, and a gover-ning spirit in the administration. Those who are acquainted with the Marquis de Jeanvoir must feel sorry for him, inasmuch as he was the victim of a trick in his attempt, as a Director of the Union Générale, to enthrone Mammon on St. Peter's chair. He is very clever, obliging, and young enough to harbour illusions, and was induced to take the last few alloca-ties at Chantilly and of the house parties at the Du. His education was English, and he tra-velled over Asia, Australia, and the two Americas, at the age of fourteen, with grandsons of Louis Philippe. For this the unmasked of the widowed Countesse de Paris, and the Duchesse de Chabod, because her life was austere, and her charity almost unbounded. She was a vigilant overseer of the philanthropic establishments which Bontoux set up for the benefit of people working on the Austrian railways that he directed. The death of a grown-up son—the only child—rendered her indiffer-ent to the world of worldly folks. She became a recluse. Bontoux went on faster in the pursuit of wealth. There were motives for its acquirement foreign to religion, politics, or to Madame Bontoux. But she did not trouble her head about them. Since the spirited Count de la Panouze paid his court in the height overlooking the Rhone, which he restored and turned into a commodious dwelling. Madame Bontoux [illegible] there in the summer to meditate. She had the [illegible] of an oratory, which stimulat-ed her religious mysticism. As for her husband, when he was not in his office, or his bachelor-establishment, he was in a railway carriage. Five, certainly, out of the seven days in the week, were passed in travelling. He was very obliging. His power to introduce to sovereigns and members of the social *crème* all over Europe enable him to hook as many rich and passing snobs as he chose to draw to Lyons. If a wealthy manufacturer were going with his womenkind abroad or to Paris, a line of recom-mendation from Bontoux opened to him inaccessible houses. If was observed that Bontoux's brain got muddled at Lyons. After the second or third week in the [illegible] and led him to forget the [illegible] his three-score years,

ACTION AGAINST M. ZOLA.

PARIS, FEB. 9.

THE trial brought by M. Duverdy against M. Emile Zola and the *Gaulois* newspaper came on for hearing yesterday before the Paris Civil Court, and it was productive of a series of interesting and amus-ing incidents. As I informed you a few days ago, the action arose out of the use, in M. Zola's new novel, of the name "Duverdy," given to one of the bad characters in the book, an advocate at the Paris bar. There being in reality a M. Duverdy connected with the Paris law courts, this gentleman summon-ed the well-known novelist before the Civil Court, and in his book, a demand with which M. Zola declined to comply. Hence the present proceedings. The question at issue is of deep interest to writers of fiction, who, if M. Duverdy's objections were sus-tained by a verdict, would be daily subjected to prosecution at the hands of some French counter-part to the proverbial Brown, Jones, and Robin-sons. It is not, therefore, surprising that the trial has excited immense interest in the literary world. the more so as the point of law has never been clearly decided whether a novelist in choosing a name for one of his characters is legally debarred from making use of an appellation owned by some real individual. The case was opened by Maitre Rousse, counsel for the plaintiff, who, after briefly explaining the circumstances connected therewith, indulged in a long diatribe against M. Zola's works in general and "Pot-Bouille," the offending romance, in particular. M. Zola has never been so heavily handled even by the moralist press as by the plaintiff's advocate. Maitre Rousse went on to say that the novelist was not content to seize upon the foibles and frailties of his fellow-men, but he must needs dwell with loathsome minuteness upon their vices, their cruelties and nudities, the wilful brutality, the deliberate looseness" of M. Zola's style, but acknow-ledged that the founder of the "natural school" was a master of a picturesque language, though not among the celebrities of his day. M. Duverdy, he told the court, made the discovey which has since troubled his mind in the following manner:—"My client was one day far from Paris, reading M. Zola's novel smiling at certain passages, shaking his head at others, when suddenly he per-ceived a name which sent a shudder through his whole body. It was 'Duverdy,' his own name, but this is not all. M. Duverdy is an advocate, the Duverdy in the book is a counsel at the Court of Appeal. Still more, he inhabits the Rue de Choiseul, in the Rue de Choiseul, where my client dwelt formerly, and close to his present abode." M. Duverdy, he admitted, did not suspect M. Zola of malice prepense in the matter, but Maitre Rousse added, with emphasis, "the coincidence is very curious, very unfortunate, and very cruel for my client." There were novelists to whom individ-uals might not shrink from lending their names—Feuillet, Dumas, even Balzac, the latter being implacable. But Zola! Who would allow his name to be mixed up with the Coupeaus, the Muffats, the Mdlle. Saïnas, in the low, abject, unhealthy worldliness of the parallel between plagiarists and characters?" Maitre Rousse, in support of his case, read a series of characteristic extracts from the chapters of "Pot-Bouille" which have already ap-peared in the *Gaulois*, in which the novelist is seen predicting its speedy production on the stage, when M. Duverday's annoyance will be increased tenfold by seeing his patronymic posted on every wall in Paris during the [illegible] of the piece. Another play, and by kindness that the character will be every evening exposed to the hisses of a theatrical audience.

In reference to the principle of the question at issue, Maître Rousse maintained that M. Zola ought to have endowed his characters with common names, such as might be found by the score in any French directory, without selecting comparatively unusual ones, such as Duverdy, which in the client's name was well known in Paris, whereas Alfred de Musset, in his famortal dialogue between one Dupont and a certain Durand, had avoided all such exciting individual susceptibilities, and added Maître Bridaison, in a sarcastic tone, that while the great Alfred de Musset would have had no cause to be jealous of M. Zola." Furthermore, the counsel for the plaintiff contended that in the whole Paris directory there was only one Duverdy, but if there was only one Zola, who would certainly protest if his name were dragged into the episodes of a novel treating of low debauchery.

Maître Davrille des Essarts, the advocate for the defendant, replied with great tact, and not a little humour, to the lengthy argument of his opponent, arguing the question on its legal basis, as property, and went to an action in point to the case in hand. He quoted a *precedent* to the effect that a certain Monsieur Bonnet had obtained damages from a certain Monsieur Bonnet, who had published a work under the name of the plaintiff. The trial, he maintained, was not of interest to M. Zola alone, but to all modern literary men, both French and foreign.

After the various legal points involved in the question, M. Davrille des Essarts gave an interesting description of M. Zola's habitation, which he said was some five miles from any other house, adding that the novelist left it every second day, and could not be expected to be known by name all the advocates at the Paris bar. In remusing to alter the name in the first instance. M. Zola had acted under the desire to have this opportunity of showing that he had no spite in his own interests, put in that of all writers. Suppos-ing the novel to have been published in the form of volume instead of in a newspaper *feuilleton*, could it be said that the name of Duverdy figured in the whole work? The eminent counsel thought not, for if such a state of things were allowed to exist, no writer of fiction would be safe from pro-secutions from persons who, considering themselves to be the sole possessors of their names, as was proved by a M. Mudat, who objected to his name being given to a character in "Nana" until the author proved to him, much to his surprise, that there were at least a dozen of the name in Paris. Seiner, whose name appears in the same novel, had challenged M. Zola to a duel, and had only with difficulty been pacified. If once the principle sup-ported by the plaintiff were admitted the author would prevent all the Joseph Prudhommes who abound in France from bringing endless actions against the comic papers which daily build their jokes upon the foibles of human nature. Even French authors had given their characters real names, for had not Boileau written "J' appelle un chat un chat, et Rolet un fripon," Rolet being a well-known attorney of a previous century figuring in an action against Boileau. Maître Davrille des Essarts, in defending his theory that names were not the exclusive property of their bearers, related how Balzac took the name of Marcas from a sign-board of a tailor's shop, exclaiming, "I will im-mortalise him." Even the most uncommon names, M. Zola's counsel maintained, frequently appeared when least expected. Thus only a few days ago some one in M. Zola's presence re-marked that he knew Gubetta, the famous traitor in "Lucrezia Borgia," in the living form of a grocer in the Rue Montmartre. "Gubetta," exclaimed the author, "why, that is my stove maker!" Again the name of Robert Macaire and lived in the person of a breeches maker in the Rue Richelieu's Daudet. Dr. Rivals's name was ever before the public in the shape of an advertisement. Scribe, being one day at a loss for a name, threw the letters of the alphabet into a hat, and, drawing out nine, com-posed the name of Prudhomme, which he gave to a captain in the Garde Nationale, and, though there were several Prudhommes in that corps, not one thought of prosecuting Scribe. "Coincidences must happen," Maitre Davrille des Essarts argued, recalling a story of M. Louis Ulbach, who, in a haphazard manner, called one of his heroes Berthe-lin, domiciled him in the Rue Tronchet, and influenced other characteristics which exactly coincided with those of a real individual of whose existence M. Ulbach had never even heard. The real M Berthelin, however, had not demanded the odiferati n of his name. With these and other instances of a like nature, the counsel for the de-fendant concluded an eloquent speech, and the case, after being summed up, adjourned for a week, when judgment will be given.—*Daily Telegraph.*

OATHS.

THE custom of taking an oath in affirmation of the truth of a statement or sincerity of an obliga-tion is one of the most convincing proofs that man can offer of his belief in a higher Power than him-self, since it amounts to nothing less than an invo-cation of supernatural vengeance on his own head should he fail in his solemn undertaking. And as it is true that every tribe and race on the face of the earth have some form of religion and religious tra-ditions which cannot be traced to any source within the record of loc l history, so it is found that all na-tions have something analogous to an oath. Indeed, this rite may be regarded as embodying the fundamental and essential tenets common to all beliefs—the recognition of a Supreme Being, cognisant of mundane affairs; of a future state of existence; and of the palpability of the Deity in influencing the lot of man, both in this world and the next, according to his good or evil deeds. Cicero has defined an oath to be "a religious affirmation in which there are two distinct ele-ments; first, the human, a declared intention of speaking or acting truly, the intension being un-der-stood to have a formal and exact limitation to a certain case; second, the divine element, or appeal to the power of God."

In our courts of law and other places, the form of kissing the New Testament, as an acknow-ledgment of the juror's faith therein in support of the sacred truth of the oath he is about to have taken, is not held to be of such high importance as the verbal declaration; contrary to the vulgar notion that used to prevail—and perhaps does now to some extent—to the effect that if "kissing the book" could be evaded, the false witness ran no risk of incurring the charge of perjury; and it has actually been advanced more than once, as a plea of innocence (or rather legal non-liability) in actions for false swearing, that the accused kissed his or her own right thumb which held the volume, and never touched it with the lips at all. Kissing the Testament is rather a relic of the past, and beyond the impressive solemnity that its presence and the ceremonious ritual always imposes on the mind, is capable of no very rational explanation as to the weight it can add to the value of an oath. It is somewhat remarkable that this formality, and the words "So help me God," have been in use since the sixth century, though then administered of course in Latin, the expression being probably founded on the Scripture phrase, "The Lord do so to me and more also, if," &c. We see the book dispensed with frequently in the administration of an oath to individuals of various sects and denominations whose religious convictions impel them to depreciate

THE ALLEGED MASSACRE IN ASHANTEE.

MR. R. H. MEADE, of the Colonial Office, by direc-tion of the Earl of Kimberley, has forwarded to Mr. Chesson, for the information of the Aborigines Pro-tection Society, the following letter from the Gover-nor of the Gold Coast:—

"Christiansborg Castle, Accra, Dec. 31, 1881.

"My Lord,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 474, dated the 18th of November, 1881, on the subject of a paragraph which has recently appeared in the London newspapers to the effect that the King of Ashantee had ordered the massacre of an hundred young women, under circumstances of peculiar atrocity. I have inquired of residents here who are likely to know, and I cannot learn that any one of them has heard of such a thing. I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter from Mr. Edward Bannerman (whose mother is a Princess of Ashan-tee and the sister of Prince Ansah) on this sub-ject. In conversation, he informed me that at present no such action is impossible, as he the King has no captives, and the people would not consent that their children should be sacrificed. I have written to the District Commissioner, Cape Coast Castle, to send to him to forward to me any in-formation that he can gather in reference to the report, and I have also caused a letter to be written to the editor of the *Gold Coast Times*, asking him to furnish me with the authority on which he caused to be published in the issue of that paper of the 22nd of October last the paragraph which seems to have been the foundation of this in the London papers. It is not likely that such an occurrence would take place as the inconvenient of Captain Lonsdale's presence in Coomassie. I have, &c.—SAMUEL ROWE, Governor."

Mr. Bannerman, in the letter to which Sir S. Rowe refers, says:—"As a matter of fact the King of Ashantee has no more power to kill 20 or even two girls under such circumstances, and for such purposes as those alleged than the Governor of the Gold Coast or any other British colony, as Mr. Free-man and many other less partial authorities than I am usually supposed to be, will assure your Excel-lency. As a matter of fact, if the King had attempt-ed anything of the kind, a thing never attempted by any of his most powerful predecessors, the whole of Coomassie would have risen in revolt against him." Mr. Bannerman adds:—"I am con-vinced that the whole matter is a fabrication manu-factured in Cape Coast."

THE PRINCESS OF WALDECK.

THE Princess Helena of Waldeck is coming here (Paris) to buy her (*trousseau*). She will procure it at establishments patronised by the Queen of Holland, and is to be married for the 15th of April, a lady attached to the Dutch Legation. I am told that Queen Emma is shutting herself very gene-rous to her sister, who is to stay with her from the time she has done with the Parisian out-fitters until she goes to England to be married. The Ducal family of Pyrmont-Waldeck is old, proud, and far from rich. Most of its domestic arrangements have reached the financial principle. If the portions of the numerous daughters of this house had been fairly good, the eldest of them would not now be Queen of Holland. Princess Helena is of a romantic disposition, although some-thing of a blue-stocking. She is said to be quite as beautifully picturesque and fearfully pover-ty-stricken. It is a country of high hills, wooded glens, and brawling streams and stream eis. Prince Leopold met his future wife at Arolsen, the seat connected with the Royal Family of England, through the Duchess of Cambridge and the Princess of Wales, and was highly spoken of by the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt, who stated that she would be just the person to lead with the Prince a quiet, studious life at Claremont, and be, if his health broke down, a ministering angel to him. A number of an Embassador's wife are known to the Princess Helena would make ideal wife for an earnest and charitably-disposed English rector. Through the Nassau family she has some great and wealthy relations, but she has not been reared in grand style. She is *irreproachable*, fair, fresh, gentle, and of a cheerful, even temper; and though not very *distingué*, she is certainly not rustic in her unaffected simplicity.

The Queen of Holland, by-the-bye, is coming out as a leader of society at the Hague. She is fond of elegant toilettes, music, dancing, and such gaieties as the Dutch capital affords. It appears that she has grown quite pretty since her marriage. Her hair, which is of a burnished blonde colour, is very fine, and she understands how to dress it to ad-vantage. The complexion is made up of roses and lilies, and the neck and arms, if wanting in purity of outline, are at least almost faultless in shape. She is her Majesty's favourite colour. She sits in a boudoir hung with blue silk, decorated with Nankin blue porcelain, and she often dresses in blue. She wore a magnificent blonde colour, at the Palace, about ten days ago, she was in a white satin spot, covered with old pom lace, a sky-blue corsage and train, and had for garnitures and head dress, blue feathers and pearls. Blue, sister of the Duchess of Connaught, was thrown aside her widow's weeds, and was at the ball. She and the Queen danced into the small hours of the morning. Princess Pauline, the youthful heiress of the Metternichs, is very pretty, but does not appear to have a robust constitution. She may not, therefore, stand in the way of the Grand Duca family of Saxe-Weimar. The Prince of Orange, on the other hand, is not as decidedly delicate as he was; but he keeps aloof from his father and stepmother, and is engaged in collecting materials for a history of the Dutch branch of the Nassau family, which he believes has got to the end of its tether.—*Truth.*

AN ENGLISH DOCTOR AT BOKHARA.

So vehement is the antipathy still entertained to-wards the Christian faith and its followers by the fanatical Mohammedans of Central Asia that, but for a judicious diplomatic fraud, the life of the elderly Emir of Bokhara would have been sacrificed a few weeks ago to the invincible prejudices of his subjects. For some time past Muzzafer-ed-deen, greatly advanced in years, has been suffering from a pulmonary affection, pronounced incurable by his native medical attendants. Shortly after he fell ill, the Russian Governor-General of Turkestan offered him the services of a skilful physician attached to his Excellency's personal staff; but Muz-zafer declined to receive the Muscovite Hakim on the ground that being regarded as a Mohammedan saint by his people he dared not submit himself to medical treatment at the hands of a giaour. Presently, how-ever, he got worse, and being a shrewd old gentleman, made up his mind to consult a European doctor. He therefore despatched one of his high Court officials to British India, with orders there to engage an Eur-opean physician—if possible, a true Believer and conduct him to Bokhara with all convenient speed. The Emir's agent, unable to discover a British bona fide qualified practitioner who was willing to proceed to Bokhara, at once engaged a native doctor, inspecting his credentials with a view to ensuring that he was a Christian doctor. When the latter duly arrived at Bokhara, however, the question arose how was he to be conveyed into the Place, and there in-stalled in attendance upon the Emir, without send-ing the faithful Afterwards deliberated, Muzzafer decided that the English Hakim should be dis-guised as an odalisque, that being the only costume available for the concealment of his face. The doctor

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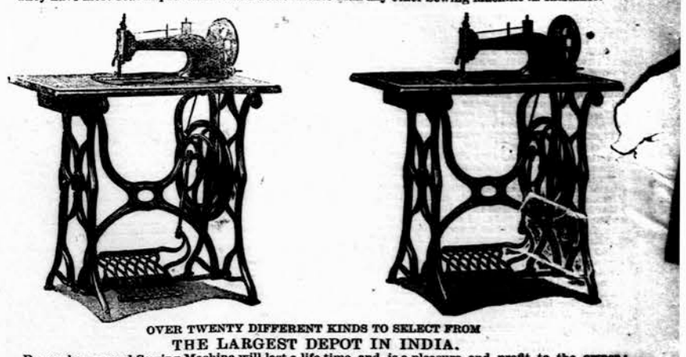

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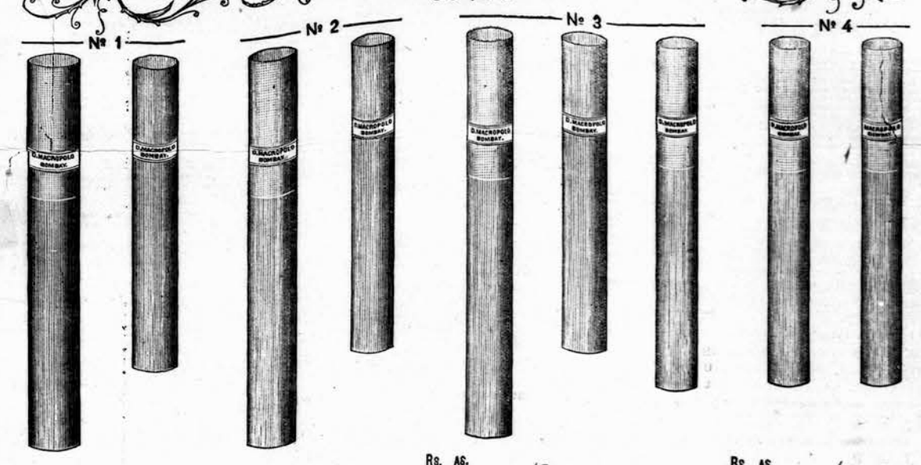

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